

REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated October 24, 2005 has been received and reviewed by the applicant. Claims 1-28 are in the application. Claims 1-3, 13 and 23-28 stand rejected and claims 12 and 14-22 stand objected to.

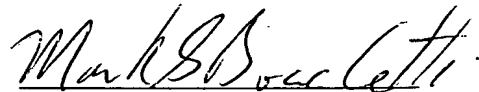
Claims 1-3, 23-28 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogata (US Patent No. 5,412,488).

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogata as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Hirota (US Patent No. 4,644, 372).

The Examiner indicated that claims 4-12 and 14-22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 4 depended directly from claim 1 and claim 1 has been amended herein to include all of the limitations of claim 4. Similarly, claim 14 depended from claim 24 and claim 14 has been amended herein to include all of the limitations of claim 24. All remaining claims depend either directly or indirectly from claim 4 or claim 14. As such, it is believed that all of the claims pending are now in condition for allowance.

For the reasons set forth above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

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